

Witness Denies Being FBI Plant

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Government informer Boyd Douglas Jr. denied under cross-examination today that the FBI deliberately planted him to spy on antiwar priest Philip Berrigan whom he has accused of plotting to kidnap White House aide Henry A. Kissinger.

Douglas repeated previous testimony that when he met Berrigan in the Lewisburg (Pa.) Penitentiary in April 1970—where both were inmates—Douglas lied in their initial conversation.

The 31-year-old ex-convict, responding to questions by former Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who is heading the defense, told the conspiracy trial jury that he falsified facts when he told Berrigan he was angry at the government in the settlement of a civil suit for injuries suffered in prison and that he had been promised a parole.

BERRIGAN and six codefendants are charged, besides the alleged Kissinger scheme, with conspiring to blow up tunnels that carry heat to federal buildings in Washington, D.C., and vandalize draft board offices around the country.

The defense began its cross-examination after a morning argument before U.S. District Court Judge R. Dixon Herman in which it demanded again that the government supply "everything it has" on Doug-

las in the files of the FBI and the Bureau of Prisons.

Clark asked Douglas whether he had ever smuggled contraband—letters or other written material—out of the prison. He replied, "I did not."

Then Douglas paused, cupped his chin in his right hand, and added:

"YES, A DAY or two before I met Philip Berrigan I did bring a memo out that referred to Philip Berrigan soon to be sent to Lewisburg ... it was something that Prof. Richard Drinnon (head of the Bucknell history department) wanted.

Q. Did the FBI give you that memo?

A. It did not.

Q. You took a great risk taking it out.

A. I knew I wasn't supposed to take it out but I did.

Q. Was this your own idea?

A. No.

A. Did the FBI suggest it?

A. Prof. Drinnon suggested it.

Yesterday Douglas wound up his direct testimony. He said that after FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover revealed the alleged Kissinger plot, the defendants panicked and accused him of being "the leak."